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J. Schade Named Spectator Editor for Coming Year; Sundell Reappointed; P. Jones to Edit Hamiltonian

Student leaders in publications discuss the coming year. Left to right: Michael Sundell, '56, editor of THE CONTINENTAL; John Chase, '56, Business Manager of the publications board; and Peter Jones, '56, editor of the 1956 HAMILTONIAN.

P. Jones Named Hamiltonian Editor; Sundell Remains Editor of Continental

There will be no change of editors of *The Continental,* it was announced last Tuesday night at the Publication Banquet. Hamilton's literary magazine will continue under the direction of its present editor, Michael Sundell, '56.

Sundell has announced the selection of Robert Connor, '56, O. G. Hunt, '57, Phil Rogers, '58, and Frank Rizzo, '58, to serve on the *Continental's* Literary Board for next year. Connor was a member of the staff this year. The other three men are new appointments.

Hunt's poem, *Twelve Medea's,* appears in this month's issue of the *Continental.* He also designed the cover for this issue.

Rogers has had two poems published in the *Continental, Autumn Hymn and After.*

Rizzo was author and director of the prize-winning one act play, *The Answer,* which was produced by the Charlatans.

The *Continental* appears three times each year with the most recent issue appearing last Tuesday. The last issue for this semester will be published in May.

Sundell requested that all the material for the May issue be submitted by April 15. "The next issue," said Sundell, "will contain some illustrations so if any one has line drawings they want to submit, we would be happy to receive them."

At the Pi Delta Epsilon Publications Banquet Tuesday evening John Ibach '55 announced the appointment of Peter Jones '56 to succeed him as Editor in Chief of the Hamiltonian, the College yearbook.

Jones, a member of Theta Delta Chi, has been on the Hamiltonian staff since his Freshman year and on the Editorial Board of the Continental for two years. He was also active in the recent formation of the Hamilton bowling team and has served as Secretary of the Student Admissions Committee for two years. As a member of the Hamiltonian staff Jones began by heading the art department and last year he was Layout and Art Editor. At the end of last year he was appointed by Ibach as Assistant Editor of the publication.

Members of the Editorial Board appointed by Jones are Pete Dayton '56, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Mike Sundell '56, Theta Delta Chi; and Sam Sade '56. The purpose of the Board is to advise and assist the Editor in the making up of the yearbook.

Other appointments announced by Jones Tuesday night are: Jim Butterfield '57, Fraternity and Social Editor; Jack Freyer '57, Sports Editor; Charles Rammelt '57, Faculty Editor; and Robert P. Miller '57, Layout Adviser. The Senior Editor and the Organizations Editor will be appointed in the future. Jones said that each editor will have a staff of his own men and will be responsible for everything in his section—write ups, photography, layout and art.

Pi Delta Epsilon Elects 6 Men To Local Chapter

Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalistic fraternity, announced the election of one senior and five juniors at the annual banquet sponsored by the fraternity for all student publications on March 22.

The senior, Jack McMahon, is the retiring Sports Writer of *The Spectator* and author of the weekly sports column "Time Out" which appeared last year in the newspaper.

The juniors include: John Chase, formerly local advertising manager and recently appointed business manager for student publications; Michael Sundell, newly reappointed to a second year as editor of *The Continental,* James Schade, new editor-in-chief of *The Spectator;* Robert Connor, new associate editor of *The Spectator;* and Gene Granof also a new associate editor of *The Spectator.*

Alumni Vocational Conference Listed

The last Alumni Vocational Conference of the year will be held on Thursday, April 14, at 8 p.m. in Emerson Hall. Three outstanding scientists, all Hamilton graduates, will discuss the job opportunities in science for college graduates. The three participating alumni are Dr. Herbert Insley, Dr. Lawrence S. Darken, and Dr. Thomas Grubb.

Dr. Insley, '14, is connected with the National Bureau of Standards; Dr. Darken, '30, is the Assistant Director of Physical Chemistry in the Fundamental Research Laboratory for the United States Steel Corporation; and Dr. Grubb, '30, is the Director of the Research Laboratory for the Vick Chemical Company.

Coppie and Carter Head 3rd Annual Parents' Weekend

Scheduled for April 23-24

The third annual Hamilton College Parents' Weekend will be held on April 23-24. Comer Coppie, '55, and Paul Carter, '56, are in charge of the general arrangements for the affair. Mr. Wallace B. Johnson, Secretary of the College, is supervising the activities of the weekend for the Administration.

The weekend begins officially on Saturday, April 23, although many parents will probably plan to arrive at Hamilton on the preceding day. Registration for the parents will be held on Saturday morning in the gym. During the morning parents will be able to attend their sons' classes.

Following the morning registration, at 12:30 p.m. a luncheon, will be held in the gym for all parents and members of the faculty. At this time President Robert McEwen will officially welcome the parents to Hamilton and speak on some phase of college life.

Throughout the afternoon the members of the faculty will be available in their offices for any conferences that parents might desire to have with them. Also during the afternoon, Hamilton will be engaged in various athletic contests: a tennis match with Hartwick College at 2 p.m.; a baseball game against Utica College at 2:30; and a lacrosse game with Hobart College at 2:30. At 4 p.m. the President's Reception, to which the parents, faculty, and student body are all invited, will be held on the lawn of the library. In case of inclement weather, the reception will be held in the library.

Saturday evening the parents will be guests for dinner at the various fraternity houses. Later in the evening a choir concert, under the direction of John Baldwin, will be held in the Chapel. The official activities of the weekend will be concluded on Sunday morning in the Chapel at 11 a.m. At that time, Dean Robert Russell Wicks, Hamilton, '04, of Princeton University will deliver the sermon at the regular Sunday Chapel service.

103 Pints of Blood Given by Students To Bloodmobile

Hamilton College students, despite a high incidence of colds and other disease on the campus, donated 103 pints of blood last Friday during the Bloodmobile visit. One hundred and fifty students had signed up to contribute.

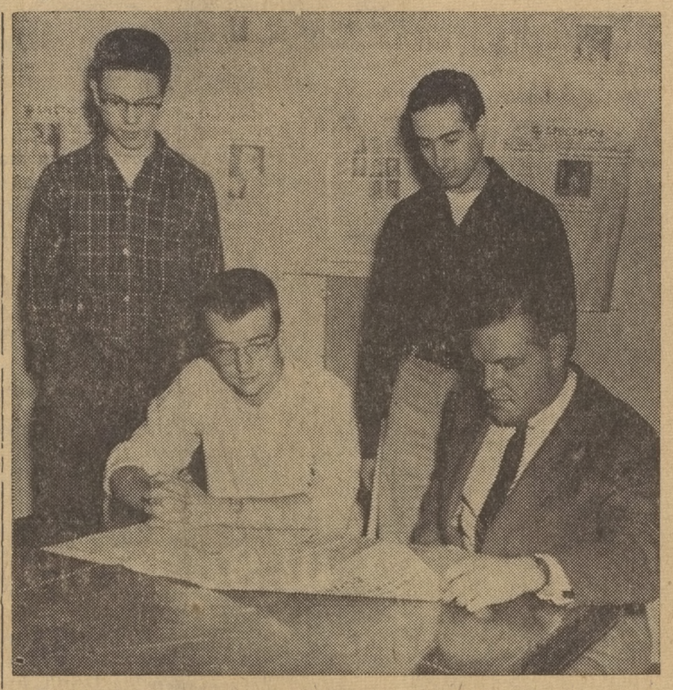
Friday's total was 35 pints below the figure set in the Bloodmobile's campus visit last year.

The College visit was sponsored by Was Los and held in Alpha Delta Phi House. Mrs. Arthur Scoones and Mrs. Edgar Graves were co-chairmen. Dr. Edward Evans and Dr. Richard Evans assisted the Bloodmobile staff.

S C A to Hold Sunrise Service

Dave Quarton, '57, has been named chairman of a committee to arrange an Easter Sunrise Service, the Student Christian Association announced yesterday.

The service will be held on Prospect Hill early Sunday Morning, April 10. The college community and the churches in the Clinton area are being invited to attend.



Newly appointed editors of "THE SPECTATOR" discuss final details of the paper's operation with the retiring editor in preparation for the staff change Seated (left to right) James Schade, '56, new editor and Alan Savory, '55, retiring editor. Standing (left to right) Robert Connor and Gene Granof, both class of '56, newly appointed associate editors.

Hamilton to Confer Honorary Degree On Former Manhattan Project Head

Hamilton College will award a doctor of laws degree to Lieutenant General Leslie R. Groves at the June 5 Commencement exercises.

As head of the Manhattan Project during World War II, Groves was responsible for the planning and development of the first atomic bomb. As a result of his work on the bomb, the general was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for achievements of "unfathomable importance to the future of the world."

A graduate of West Point in 1918, the former A-bomb chief has two Hamiltonians in his family: his father, the late Leslie B. Groves, '81, and his brother Owen, '16, currently a professor of English at Adelphi College.

After his appointment as head of the Manhattan Project in 1942, General Groves' first task was to choose from among the vast research of methematicians, physicists, and chemists the most workable formulas for the bomb that Groves call "the two billion dollar gamble."

Some of Groves' other tasks included contracting with important chemical firms to build the needed equipment and collecting a laboring force of 100,000. One of Groves' outstanding achievements was cooperation he achieved with the labor unions in preventing strikes at the Tennessee and Washington State atom plants.

From the time of his appointment in 1942 until the devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the General swore himself and everyone with whom he worked to absolute secrecy. His position was so important that Groves had to deliver all his reports to Secretary of War Stimson orally.

The War Department praised Groves for his performance in "securing the effective development" of the bomb in such a short period of time, and for the tight security program which he developed and enforced.

Since his retirement in 1948 Groves has been in charge of advanced scientific research for Remington Rand. He has received honorary degrees from the University of California, St. Ambrose College, Lafayette, Williams, Hobart, Ripon, and the Pennsylvania Military College.

Hamilton to Speak At Chapel Service; Former Professor

On April 10 for the first Chapel service following the Spring recess, Professor William H. Hamilton, Jr., will be the speaker. Dr. Hamilton, who is a professor of theology at the Colgate-Rochester School of Divinity, will not be a stranger to the Hamilton campus and the Chapel pulpit. The members of the junior and senior classes will remember him as the Dean of the Chapel and assistant professor of philosophy and religion on the Hill from 1951 to 1953. Professor Hamilton left the Hill in the Fall of 1953 when he accepted his present position at the Colgate-Rochester School. He returned to the Hill last year for the annual Chapel Congregation dinner at which he spoke.

Professor Hamilton received his AB from Oberlin College in Ohio. He then went to the Union Theological Seminary where he received his BD. He continued his graduate studies in Scotland and received his Ph.D. in Theology from St. Andrew's University there.

Following past tradition there will be no Spectator published the Friday following Spring Recess. The next issue of the Spectator, the new staff's first, will appear on April 15.

Wallace, Long to Organize Bridge Tourney, April 7

There will be a faculty-student bridge tourney on April 7 in the Chi Psi Lodge. This is an annual event which has been held every year for the past 32 years. The tourney will include any students who wish to participate, regardless of class. The faculty is being organized by Secretary Wallace Johnson, the students by Sam Lang.

Granof, Connor Are Associates Chase Named Business Manager

James Schade, '56, and John Chase, '56, will share the responsibility for *The Spectator* during the coming year. Schade a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, assumes the duties of the editor in chief of the campus newspaper immediately after the Spring recess. A member of the Student Council, D.T. and Was Los, Schade was the leader of this year's campus fund drive. His work on *The Spectator* has included holding the positions of new editor, assistant editor and associate editor.

Chase, a member of Delta Upsilon, will assume the duties of Business Manager not only of *The Spectator* but of all student publications. He has previously worked as both local and national advertising manager of the publications.

Two more members of the class of '56 will assist Schade in managing the editorial staff of the newspaper. Eugene Granof and Robert Connor were announced as Associate Editors at the annual Publications Banquet, sponsored by Pi Delta Epsilon on March 22. While the elimination of the position of the Chairman of the Editorial Board makes the declaration of policy making less clear, the major burden of editorial policy will be carried by Schade, Granof, and Connor.

The other positions on the editorial board will be filled by Earle Schmerhorn, Managing Editor; Hank Nadig, Editorial Assistant; Dave McMillan, News Editor; Steve Hoffman, Assistant News Editor; and Pete Dayton, Sports Editor. In addition to performing the various duties of their respective positions these students also will sit on the informal "editorial board" which meets at the direction of Editor Schade. The appointment of a Feature Editor and possibly other appointments will be announced by Schade in the future.

Assisting Chase on the business board will be Tom Fagan in charge of national advertising and Joby Burns in charge of local ads. The circulation staff for all student publications will be under the direction of Dave Carpenter, the new Circulation Manager, and Bob Ehrke, his assistant.

Charlatans to Do Saroyan Play as Spring Production

Full Cast Not Yet Chosen

"A reverie by an impulsive and sincere young man who likes simple people and has made a religion out of his relish for life." These are the words used by the *New York Times* to describe William Saroyan's *The Beautiful People* which has been chosen by the Charlatans as their Spring production.

Ben Carroll, '56, will direct the play to be presented May 5, 6 and 7 in Commons as a feature of Spring Houseparty. The cast has not been entirely chosen. Among those already selected are Ted Davis, '55, Al Prettyman, '56, Ed Smith, '56 and Gary Tischler, '57.

The play was first produced in 1941 in New York. It has a very loose plot which has been characterized by the *Times* as being about as, "much as you can crowd on the point of a pin."

The setting is the home of Jonoh Webster, who will be played by Tischler. Jonah has three children. Smith will portray the young son Owen. There is also a daughter who cherishes mice because they are God's creatures and an older son, Harold, who has gone to New York.

The family is supported by pension checks being sent to the former owner, now deceased. Mr. Prim, played by Al Prettyman, tries to stop this. The cast also includes a Catholic priest acted by Davis, Harmony Bluebolossom, Dan Hillboy who has written a book composed of the word "tree," and another young man.

Reactions to the Saroyan play have been varied. While some critics were cold to the play, *Newsweek* characterized is as being, "a fable of super-mice and men that makes for a delightful evening in the theater."

Last year the Charlatans presented King Henry IV, Part I as their Spring production. The play was well attended and won high praise for its excellent acting.

D. Tittle Tapped For Honor Society

Was Los, the junior honorary society, threw its first sophomore Dave Tittle yesterday after Chapel. A pre-med, Tittle is heading the publicity department for the 'Social Organizations' Committee this year and led the cheerleading group which performed at all the home football games. He is from Winnetka, Illinois.

Was Los each year taps six outstanding sophomores on the basis of exemplary service to the College.

Tom Hasenpflug was elected president of Delta Kappa Epsilon for the coming year at a house meeting held eWdnesday night. Dunc Macaffer and Bill Clark were elected vice presidents and rushing chairman respectively.

Petitions Approved For 13 Nominees

Nominating petitions have been approved for candidates for president of each class. Those nominated in the Class of 1956 are Earl Cline, Bob Connor, Pete Eckel and Bob Moses, for the Class of 1957, Harvey Katz, Dave Quarton, Buck Smith and Jerry Van Dijk and for the Class of 1958, John Driscoll, John C. Glezen, Bruce Hall, Jim Holmlund and Bill Tufts.

Among the candidtes of the Class of 1956, Cline is a native of Brockport, New York. He is a member of Psi U, Was Los and is captain of next year's football team. Connor is from Worcester, Mass. and is a TKE. He was recently appointed Associate Editor of the *Spectator,* is president of the SCA, and secretary of his class. Eckel, who hails from Skaneateles is a member of Alpha Delt and Was Los. He starred on the basketball team until illness forced him to stop, and has also been active in the Student Admissions Committee. Moses lives in New York City and belongs to ELS. He will be captain of next year's basketball squad and is an Honor Court member.

In the Class of 1957, Katz is on the Student Council. He was president of his class during his freshman year and is a member of ELS. His home is in Binghamton. Quarton lives in Southboro, Mass. and is a Lamba Chi. He is a member of the football team and Buffers. Smith whose home is Fort Covington, is a

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Closing the Files

It is only natural for a retiring editorial staff to look back before we lay our pens down for the last time and to try and piece together all the parts of the "term in office" which is about to close.

Many of us will be here next year in new and elevated positions, but for some this is the final word in the familiar *old style* print which has recorded our thoughts for the past year.

The file of clippings from *The Spectator* 1954-55 is about complete, and we wonder a bit what this file represents. If *The Spectator* has been no more than a weekly bulletin board, if we have recorded news and no more, we have not been a success. Providing as complete and accurate a picture of Hamilton news as possible has been a large partion of our job, but we would like to think we served another purpose as well.

No other single spot on the campus samples as broad a cross-section of student opinion and problems as does the dusty (and often frigid) *Spectator* office in Root Hall. We have tried to analyze the news as well as report it, to weigh and counterweigh opinions and viewpoints as they cross our desk. The results of this pondering over news stories we have presented from time to time in this editorial column for the inspection of the student body and the "Hamilton World" in general.

One of our earliest attempts to analyze and comment on the news (or in this case the lack of it) that flowed across our desks was an opus entitled "The End of Apathy?": apathy being "the old Hamilton bug-a-boo." Professor Johnston on Class Day termed our effort "the annual Spectator attack," thus assuring this was the common if not the best ground to tread on. Perhaps the idealism of newly appointed editors was a bit strong, but we are still not convinced that "the bug-a-boo" is buried — or even dead for that matter.

Not so awfully long ago — when Republicans sat in the chairmen's seats in Washington — the activities of Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin filled column after column in the city journals. Eventually even our politically wise — but — inactive college world began to raise pens, swords, and beer mugs, in defense of one side or the ohter in the dispute over Tailgunner Joe and his tactics. We never could stomach McCarthy's ideas and programs, but we were moved to laughter by "The Merry Men" of the mid-western universities who attacked the Senator with green feathers and showers of buttons dropped from helicopters. As our year draws to a close we surmise that McCarthys like bad head colds eventually disappear in spite of super-remedies not because of them.

Not all our news or analysis of it was primarily from or about students. The man behind so many news stories about campus improvements and betterment of the library in particular, Walter Pilkington, received a well-deserved vote of thanks from the student body in this column. The administration received something considerably less than thanks for selling the beds formerly rented to fraternities for weekends without first advising the I.F.C. of their decision.

The I.F.C. was an active news source through the year. Their suggestion of that group's sponsorship of a Homecoming Weekend received our fullest support and praise. The need for an alumni event centered on extra-curricular activities such as the football team, the band, and the fraternities as well as the Commencement Weekend which is centered around academic activties is a real one.

We hopefully look forward to returning for many Hamilton Homecomings as aluni. The I.F.C. resolution regulating certain Initiation Week standards also received *Spectator* support and praise. We still firmly believe in the resolution as it was originally passed and hope for the day when it will return to its original form.

Discussing the lighter side of the news we split over the question of admitting coeds to Hamilton for the sake of our Winter Carnival issue. While the editor-in-chief staunchly defended our fair hill from things so radical, the rest of the staff agreed that the unpleasantness of female companionship might well be overcome by the scholarly rewards of pooled knowledge.

Perhaps the greatest problem discussed in editorials during the past year was that of the social structure of an expanded college.

The *Spectator* editorial pointing out the many dangers and impracticalities of deferring our rushing season was printed verbatum by the National Inter-Fraternity Council Bulletin last Fall. Passing time and receding hair lines have done nothing to change our opinion here. "A quick, well-ordered system that provides a minimum of disturbance to the academic program of the college, such as that we now employ, is the best possible rushing program for Hamilton."

As to what the college trustees will eventually decide is the best answer to the question of social structure we cannot be sure. It is our hope that, in this field in particular and in all editorials in general, *The Spectator* has aided in making wise decisions and offered to all concerned a judgement based on the news and the men who have made it at Hamilton.

Student Reviewer Praises Current Continental Issue

by Gary Green

The Winter 1955 issue of the *Continental* represents a genuine achievement, a demonstration of just what Hamilton College students have a right to hope for in their own literary magazine. Without arty obscurity or academic stodginess, this issue of the *Continental* has presented a selection of literate and intelligent writing.

In *Curiosity and Cats,* Herb Foerstal presents three incidents unrelated in plot, but akin in effect. Each brief episode is a well-told tale evoking horror from situations many of us hitherto considered commonplace. Foerstal chills the reader's blood without recourse to fantasy.

The playful comradeship of two mongrels, the noon meal at a fraternity house, the young boy's adoption of a new pet — these are the author's plots, and they are successful ones. Not a word is wasted; each story is presented swiftly and clearly.

One flaw seems to mar Foerstel's work, however. The noon meal episode is introduced by a scene in which Jim and Bill are presented to the reader ast hey preside over the tail-end of a party. This party scence seems to make no real contribution to the intended effect of the author, and actually may distract his audience. This is not to deride the noon meal scene itself; what fraternity man will ever sit down to lunch as unconcernedly as he did before? *"Curiosity and Cats* is indeed a very readable, very hard-hitting piece of fiction.

With laudable sensitivity and an almost poetic treatment of natural detail, Frank Seidner, in *The Attainment of Winter,* looks through the eyes of a young boy at the desertion of the boy's mother. The author's stylish presentation is obviously what makes his story click, although some

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I believe there is a serious need for a new course of study at Hamilton. We need a foreign languages literature course with readings and class discussions in English. Since most of us study only one foreign language, we never get acquainted with the great works and authors of other foreign languages. For example, most French students know little about Cervantes, while many Spanish students have never read Balzac; Goethe is completely strange to most non-German students.

The success of Mr. Long's course in ancient Greek literature in English translation is one indication that foreign authors are quite readable and meaningful in English.

Sincerely yours,
Al Rothenberg '56

Pi Delta Epsilon members Stanley Schade, Ron Krauss, and Frank Weber pause during the publications banquet and reception for a word with the guest speaker, Paul Williams, '08, editor of the Utica Daily Press.

Edwin Barrett to Conduct Fifth Chapel Board Seminar Apr. 6 :Dylan Thomas

by John Graves

Assistant Professor of English Edwin Barrett will lead the fifth Chapel Board Seminar on Wednesday, April 6. Barrett will discuss the late Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas, and Thomas' responses to certain Christian ideas, at this seminar, which is entitled *"Dylan Thomas."*

Professor Barrett has suggested these poems by Thomas for advanced reading: *The force that through the green fuse drives the flower; This bread I break; And death shall have no dominion; A Refusal to Mourn the Death, by Fire, of a Child in London; Ceremony After a Fire Raid; Fern Hill; The Conversation of Prayers; and Do not get gentle into that good night.*

"I have chosen to do Dylan Thomas at all and these poems in particular," continues Barrett, "because I think his response to some of the most important Christian ideas is one of the very interesting things about him. He keeps discovering that those things we read about in the Bible are true. No other modern poet has so great a sense of the holy mysteries as he, and he celebrates all of life as though it were holy, mysterious, sacramental."

Barrett studied Thomas in a course in modern British literature at Columbia. He has lectured on the poet at various places outside the College and includes a study of Thomas as a part of his Fiction and Poetry course.

Dylan Thomas died in 1953 at the age of 39. In his life, he wrote only 90 poems, which were according to *The New York Times* "lyrical soliloquies on the common facts of birth and death, physical growth, love and decay, loneliness, and 'blood-guilt' of all nature." His expression of these themes was never sentimental. Using Anglo-Saxon words, his images were violent and original, and his verses frequently so strange as to raise the charge of "obscurity."

South Wales was Thomas' birthplace and home. He had little formal education, practiced journalism and freelance writing in his teens, and had his first poem published when he was 17. His first book of poems was published a year later. Thomas gained notice in the United States when he won *Poetry Magazine's* Oscar Blumenwald Prize. In 1939, he turned to prose, writing such surrealistic stories as *The Map of Love* and *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Dog,* which was a collection of autobigraphical sketches.

Buffers Plan Spring Sings At Skidmore, Smith Colleges

The Buffers sang this year at the St. Lawrence Winter Carnival, representing Hamilton at a song festival. The festival was typical of the numerous gatherings of this kind that the Buffers attend every year. They have sung for many church and service groups in the area this year and have also sang at Hamilton functions and with the choir on its New York trip earlier in the year. They will appear this Spring with other college octets at the Skidmore Singspiration and at Smith.

The Buffers became an official group for the first time in 1950 under the management of Laurie Goulick, '52. Before this, the only octet was a group which accompanied the choir on antiphonal numbers. During their first year, the Buffers sang at the Fort Schuyler Club in Utica, and over radio station WIBX, with the Elmira College Glee Club, and at the Skidmore College Music Festival of College Singing Groups. Every year since their founding, they have appeared at the Skidmore Festival.

In the group this year are Tom Fisher '55, manager, Dave Sagman '55, John Keeler '55, Ted Davis '55, Paul Carter '56, Tom Hasenpflug '56, Joe Giglio '56, and Bill Madden '58.

The Buffers arrange much of their own music. Two of their most popular numbers, Alice, Where Are Thou Going?" and "Winter Wonderland," were arranged by Irving Reid '53. Bob Abrams '53, wrote their arrangement of "By The Mill." "Liza" and "Penthouse Seranade" were arranged by members of the present group.

Last Spring the Buffers appeared in Buffalo with the choir. After the concert, a representative of the Buffalo Bills rushed

Math Professor To Present Talk Here April 11

R. H. Bing, Associate Professor of Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin, will lecture at Hamilton on April 11. Dr. Bing, who comes to the Hill under the auspices of the National Science Foundation of the Mathematical Association of America, will talk on Topology, or "rubber sheet geometry." According to John Van Alstyne, Hamilton Associate Professor, Dr. Bing was chosen from a group of lecturers sponsored by the Foundation because of the general interest of his topic to the college community.

A native Texan, Dr. Bing was born in Oakwood, Texas, in 1914. He attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College and was graduated with a B.S. in 1935. He then moved on to the University of Texas and obtained his Master of Education (1938) and Ph.D. in mathematics (1945) from that school. While working for his Doctorate, he instructed in pure mathematics at Texas from 1943 to 1945. In 1945 he also was advanced to an assistant professorship and continued to teach at Texas for two additional years. Since 1947 he has been at Wisconsin. His specialties are topology, analysis, and simple plane webs.

In addition to his scheduled lecture Dr Bing will probably remain on the Hill for several days, meeting with advanced math sections.

It is estimated that about 200,000 survivors of workers who died before September 1950 may now be eligible for social security payments.

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TIME OUT

by Jack McMahon

Training rules and team morale are problems that every school, Hamilton included, acknowleges, discusses, and does nothing about, except for the possible suspension of some "key" first-stringer which grabs a few paragraphs in the daily paper and is then forgotten. The new set of athletic rules adopted jointly by the Block-H Club and the coaching staff seem to be the most intelligent approach to the right answer that we have seen yet.

The question of that intangible school spirit has been battered around the Hill for a long time, and while we still maintain that it is just about as it should be from the spectator side, there is much lacking on the participant bench. Aside from the evident comment on those Hamilton men who quit an athletic team as soon as they have won their letter, or those who place a fraternity intramural team above a varsity squad, we still have the others who play a sport all season with no regard to any training rules.

The new Block-H slate, if handled and enforced rigidly, could do away with the training problem almost completely. First, it gives coaches and team members a basic standard to point to in determining training behavior, where in the past there had always been an "I'm not exactly sure—it's different for each team," attitude by the athletic sinner as he plucked a cigarette or guzzled a beer.

Though the plausibility of the honor system in athletic training has been questioned, we can see no reason why it should not work just as it does in scholastic work. Now, even before he puts his foot in the gym door, a team candidate will know what is expected of him for the season, and he must decide then either to accept the training rules or forfeit his place on the squad. To erase the "squealer" stigma that some complain about when forced to report rule infractions, we suggest that more teams adopt the practice which has proved successful for at least one Blue team; all training and discipline problems are reported to the team captain who holds a team meeting without the coach and lets the entire squad decide the penalty. Censure by teammates is often more effective than that of a coach.

Though still slightly vague and general, the new agreements are a good start toward a solution. If future Block-H clubs and coaches make sure this was not just a quickly-forgotten housecleaning of the training rules, Hamilton athletics stand to benefit greatly.

After scanning the Continental sports parade for almost a year from behind the Spectator's pages, we step down with this issue. Since the editor's job, beside producing a slightly legible column every week, is to spread his responsibility to other shoulders, we want to thank our assistant editor (and new Sports Editor) Pete Dayton, without whom page three would have been often empty, staff photographer Dick Rubinson, and all the sports reporters who have worked with us this year.

Dave Eaker rifles another ball down the alley in the first Hamilton Invitational Collegiate Bowling Tournament held March 19 at the Clinton Bowling Center.

Area Merchants Sponsor Successful Hamilton Invitational Bowling Meet

Last Saturday, March 19, at the Clinton Bowling Center six local business firms sponsored the first annual Hamilton invitational Bowling Tournament. The purpose of this tournament was to stimulate interest in the formation of an intercollegiate bowling league for next year.

Harpur College walked off with team honors after more than ten hours of bowling followed by Hamilton College's number one team. Third place went to Syracuse University and Hamilton's number two team finished fourth. Other schools represented were: Hobart; Oswego State Teachers' College; and R.P.I. The trophy for the highest single game went to Lelio of Harpur who bowled a 240, and the three game total of 596 was enough to give Harpur's Zwierynski a trophy for the highest triple.

According to the partipants, the tournament was a great success and an unusual amount of enthusiasm was shown by the student body and the faculty alike. The teams which competed here last week have agreed to meet some time in late April or early May to complete organizational plans for the proposed league. The Hamilton College keglers have been self-supporting so far this year; however if the league is successfully organized they will need financial help. Perhaps the Faculty Committee on Student Activities may find this needed aid within their jurisdiction and worthy of their consideration.

The local firms who generously donated the trophies for last Saturday's tournament were: Allen's Hardware; Clinton Bowling Center; Clinton Sport's Shop; Crane Dairy; Cunningham Buick; and Modern Tailor Shop.

Hockey Run-Down Shows J. Taylor First in Scoring

Scoones Places Runner-up

Recently published statistics of both Eastern Collegiate Hockey teams and Hamilton College provide some interesting post-season news.

For the second successive season Jack Taylor led the Continentals in scoring with nine goals and four assists for a total of 13 points, eight points less than his total of last year. Bill Scoones was the runner-up with 11 points on seven goals and four assists. Captain Chip Pickering led the team with six assists.

Defenseman Joe O'Brien spent the most time in the penalty box with 32 minutes against him, while Taylor spent 28 minutes in the cooler. The Continentals had a total of 158 minutes of penalties as compared with their opponents' 138.

The Hamilton goaltenders had a total of 516 saves for the season, for an average of 36.9 stops a game. The Continentals scored 37 times while the opponents made 87 goals.

The East was led in scoring by Harvard center Bill Cleary, who amassed 89 points on 42 goals and 47 assists. Cleary also got the most valuable player and best forward awards. By virtue of their top (17-3-1) record which included two wins over St. Lawrence. Harvard was ranked first in the East, St. Lawrence ranked second and Clarkson placed third.

Council Gives Two Recommendations

The Student Council made two important recommendations to the Academic Council in addition to finishing up an inquiry into the activities of the Home News Service at a lengthy meeting on Wednesday night.

The major recommendation came after the Council heard Sam Rosen, '55, present a plan for a student committee on the curriculum of the College. After hearing Rosen, the Council recommended to the Academic Council the formation of a Student Committee on Curriculum composed of five students, who must be either juniors or seniors, and one faculty member. The student members of the committee would be appointed by the Academic Council and the faculty member would be also a member of the Academic Council. The committee, if approved by the Academic Council, would advise on course changes, requirements for graduation, and fields of course concentration. Other schools which have such a committee include Smith and Wells colleges.

A second recommendation to the Academic Council resulted from a letter to the *Spectator* concerning the possibility for

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Batt Reports Fight For Diamond Spots

Coach Greg Batt reported today that these is a wide-open fight for almost every position on this year's diamond squad. The notable exception is the pitching staff, which will apparently consist entirely of returnees.

Leading the returning moundsmen will be Al McGann, who had an earned run average of 2.25 while compiling a 2-0 record last season. One of his victories was a no-hitter against Union. Other veteran pitchers are right-handers John Penny, Ellis Fribush, and Dave Warner, and southpaw Comer Coppie. Ron Hovey will also be returning after a year's absence.

There is spirited competition for the catching berth, where freshmen Art Melius and Eaton Gibson are battling Don Pratt.

The only infield positions that appear to be set are second and third, where Captain John Glezen and Joe Giglio return. There is still the question of how Giglio's bad knee has responded to treatment. Other infielders are Dave Moffett, Dick Dorsino, Bob Moses, Dick Purple, Al Olson, and Bruno Colapietro. Without any outside practice Batt is not sure what his tentative infield line-up will be.

The outfield presents another problem, where Dave Schuman is the only veteran. Schuman will likely open in center field. Other candidates are Eric Hasseltine and Bob Regan, and it is likely that when Batt solves his infield problems he will convert some infielders to the outfield.

Linksters Planning Practice Tourney For Team Spots

Koehler Returns As Sole Veteran

With only Captain Dan Koehler left over from last year's Golf squad, Coach Don Jones will have to work hard to find a winning combination. Thus far, nineteen candidates have come out for the team. Four of them are returning members of last year's JV, and two of these have had limited varsity experience. Jim Schade and Dick Plotka saw limited action toward the end of the season. Gerry Smith and Jack Taylor are the other returning members.

As soon as weather permits, the 19 candidates will participate in a golf tournament, ladder style. In this way, Coach Jones can find the competitive worth of each player.

Before the regular season opens on April 23, Coach Jones would like to get in two practice matches with his faculty-alumni team. The two probable dates are April 9 and 16, each with weather permitting. The team is composed of such notables as Dean Tolles, Tom Gregory, Dick and Nick Burns, coach Jones, and others. Last year's match ended in a tie.

Hill Lacrossemen To Travel South For Practice Bouts

Next week the Hamilton lacrosse team will journey South for its first annual Spring trip. Following practices on Saturday afternoon, Monday morning and afternoon, and Tuesday morning, the Continental stickmen will meet City College of New York on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday the Hamilton squad will travel to Hempstead where it will play Hofstra, and on Friday the Buff and Blue will take on Adelphi in the last game of their trip.

Coach Bill Tomik released his probable starting line-up for the games on the Metropolitan trip. It consists of: Co-Capt. Ed Reed, Bob Behnke, and Bob Fellows on attack with Steve Greenhut in reserve. Don Ivers, Dick Boyd and Bill Penfield on first midfield and Al Stripp, Pete Germond and Chip Pickering on second infield; and Co-Capt. Wayne Mahood, Dave Smalley, and Brian Bell on first defense and Tony Palmer, Sherwin Weinstein, Dunc McAffer and Don Winship alternating on second defense.

Vacation Workouts Scheduled by Long

With eight weeks of practice under the eyes of Gene Long, the track team prepares to go home for Spring vacation. However, throughout the vacation each man will be expected to carry on with his training. Coach Long has worked out a training program that he expects every man on his squad to follow.

Coach Long has set a goal this year of the time and distance that he feels every man can achieve. In setting these goals he has also taken into account natural ability, past performance and how hard each man is working out now. Some of the most interesting goals are Paul McGiffin, 195 feet in the javelin, which would break the record that he already holds, and 135 feet in the discus; and for Earl Cline 23 feet in the broad jump and 9.9 in the 100-yard dash.

Al Shaler, who has not stopped running since cross country season, a 4:38 mile and a 10:30, 2-mile. In the high jump, John Ibach to jump six feet and Joe Nuccio 5 feet 11 inches. In the half mile, Doug Robinson 2:05.

Although the regular season starts on May 7, the Continentals will run against Griffis AFB from Rome on April 23, in a practice meet.

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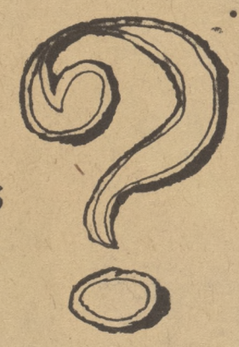

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Hamilton 'Beauties' Get Bid To Display Their Best Assets

Hamilton has been invited to submit an entry to the 1955 Miss America Pageant. In a letter to the *Spectator*, Mr. Larry Gore, promotional director for the New York division of the contest, stated that, " a representative from your college may enter the contest and have a chance to be one of the finalists."

Hamilton, in its 143-year history, has never had an entry in a beauty contest and much opposition has been raised concerning the advisability of breaking this tradition.

Perhaps the greatest opposition voiced in this matter has concerned Hamilton's chances of winning the contest. "If our entry was to win, fine," said one student, "but if he was to lose, look at the loss in prestige the college would suffer. It would be a great risk on the part of the college to submit an entry." This same opinion was expressed in fewer words by Robert Connor, president of the campus Student Christian Association. When asked his views on submitting an entry, Mr. Connor exclaimed, "My God, I think we'd better not!"

According to some students, our chances of winning the contest would be slim indeed. We would be competing against such larger schools as Vassar, Smith and Holyoke. With a much larger student body to choose from they would enter the contest with an advantage not afforded a small liberal arts college like Hamilton. Other students have pointed out that 50 percent of the judges points are awarded in the Swim Suit and Evening Gown competitions. Since swimming and dancing are not especially emphasized at Hamilton, our entry might feel a little awkward in these outfits.

However, not all opinions voiced on this question were negative. Many felt that the prospects of Hamilton's entry winning the contest would not be as gloomy as some imagined. As one student stated, 50 percent of the judges' points are awarded in the Talent and Intellect contests. He pointed out that the Hamilton catalogue itself states that, "Hamilton concerns itself with the student's development of certain intellectual abilities." This student has found no reason why these "intellectual abilities" should not extend into the field of beauty contests.

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President of Choir Announces Rules: Intramural Sing

The Hamilton Intramural Sing will be held April 29 this year on the Sigma Phi lawn. The Sing is a competition of singing groups representing each of the 11 fraternities, Squires Club, and the Independents. Bob Ward urges all directors of the groups to submit the names of the songs they will sing not later than April 8.

The following rules apply to the sing:

1. Each singing group must number at least one-third of the total membership of the organization which it represents.

2. The director of the group must be a member of the organization the group represents.

3. Each group will sing two selections. Fraternity songs are permitted, but not required and not more than one fraternity song may be presented.

4. At least three, and not more than five, judges will be selected from the faculty by the choir.

5. The officers of the choir will be responsible for the organization of the sing.

The Sing was started in 1953 and has been sponsored every year by the College Choir. Chi Psi won the trophy in 1953 and Theta Delta Chi last year.

Review . . . Cont'd

readers might ask for al ighter hand sometimes—and a little less of "Soon is . . ." or "Now is . . ."

Nevertheless, this short story is basically sound and capable of everriding any possible shortcomings. Seidner's contribution to the magazine is clearly a tasteful and sensuous offering.

Mike Sundell, in choosing to discuss *Andre Malraux,* commits himself to a very difficult task. That Sundell is able to communicate on this subject is, in itself, a compliment to Sundell; that he tells so much is indeed remarkable.

With boldness, and genuine insight, Sundell has effected as thoughtful and well-written an essay as the *Continental* has seen in recent years. Perhaps the essay ranges too far and wide in its attempt to reduce Malraux's message to seven pages of print, but Sundell's skillful handling of words and ideas will probably succeed in keeping most intelligent readers from growing weary.

George Kerr's comments on *Thomas Mann* suffer by comparison, for Kerr the scholar has here outdistanced Kerr the writer. A competent, thoughtful analysis, the essay never manages to clamp the same hold on the reader that Sundell gets. Not that Kerr's writing is ever *poor.* He simply has the bad fortune to have his adequate technique juxtaposed to a superior one.

The amazing thing about the *Hiding Place* is the degree of characterization that Bob Fellows has packed into his story. Fellows looks into the minds of Jennie and Mary Lou as they perform their little demonstration of revenge. By the end of the story, the reader too has had a good look at them. Briefly and unobtrusively, the author managest o convince his audience, to give his characters life and reality. Here lies Fellows' success. For when Jennie has completed her betrayal we have simultaneously completed our own observations of the two girls, and both reader and writer are of one mind. *The Hiding Place* puts no strain on credulity. The story works.

The poetry in this issue of the *Continental* may well be its weak spot. Fairbairn's vagaries are neither graceful nor convincing. Prettyman's geometry—a "Let Me Go, Lover" in free verse—commiserates with a hasty lover who seems too faint and weary to be worth any sympathy. And Hunt's *Twelve Medea* seems to be one of those poems that one man likes and another loathes, while neither knows why. I don't like it—that's all.

Phil Rogers almost saves the day for the *Continental* bards by neatly juggling thirty-six words into an eloquent, if economical expression.

And the reader who manages to withstand the sight of a bright and fresh young girl running barefoot down Forty-sixth Street in the rain will find — if he continues to read — that Mike Sundell's poetry con display some very neat phrases. *A Love Poem* is indeed intriguing; one is amazed to find some lines—clearly so sad—and others—clearly so good—could ever claim the same author.

One more comment, this one to the tditorial staff of the *Continental.* There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your publication! This issue has a very peculiar flavor, doubtless the result of smothered kittens, bleeding mongrels, and drowning aMry Lou's and incestuous mothers. Perhaps this morbid aroma is not a bad thing in itself; obviously, the *Continental* is a magazine, not a variety show. But future editors had better widen the scope of their fiction—someone might even write about happy or normal penple—before the *Continental* gets labeled *Tales From The Crypt.*

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Council . . . Cont'd

changing the all-College meeting to Tuesday. The Council felt that since most lectures and club meetings are held Tuesday and Wednesday, the most favorable time for advertising them would be at a Tuesday student meeting. If this recommendation were approved, the new ruling would be in effect beginning next fall.

The other important business discussed by the Council was the College's Home News Service. The Service is now operated as one of the activities of the Public Relations Office which is supervised by Richard Muniz. Both the Council and Muniz agreed that the Service should become more of a student-run operation, and consequently the Council recommended that the manager of the News Service be appointed by the Student Council after consulting with the public repations director and the outgoing News Service Head. Under this system, the Home News Service head will be chosen the same way as the Student Admissions Committee head is chosen.

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transfer student from RPI. A TKE, he played first string hockey this season. Van Dijk is an Alpha Delt and lives in Rye. He is vice-president of the IRC and a member of Charlatans.

There are five candidates in the Class of 1958. Driscoll is a Psi U from Manhasset. He played both JV and Varsity basketball this season. Glezen's home is in Whitney Point. He is an Alpha Delt and was on the varsity first string in basketball. A Delta Phi, Bruce Hall comes from South Plains. He acted as a solicitor for the Campus Fund this year. Holmlund ist he present vice-president of the class. A TKE from Jamestown, he is also in the Choir and Charlatans. Tufts comes from Briarcliff Manor and is a DU. He has set several swimming records this season.

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